IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 2, beginning at line 1, please amend the specification as follows:

      The system of WO98/27732 describes a mechanism is to counter a mechanism to counter such tampering. [[A]] At the beginning of the subscription period the system sends an EMM that specifies the start and end of the subscription period, that is, the time period in which the smart card should supply the keys and, conversely, outside which the smart card should not supply the keys to the decoding device. Time stamps are added to the ECM's. The time-stamps identify the time in which each ECM has been broadcast. When an ECM is received, the smart card tests whether its time-stamp is in the subscription period specified by the EMM and supplies the decrypted keys only if that is the case. Thus, recorded information that has been received outside the subscription period but is supplied to the secure device during the subscription period cannot be decrypted. Only information broadcast after the EMM, during the subscription period can be decrypted.

On page 2, beginning at line 17, please amend the specification as follows:

      The method according to the invention is set forth in Claim 1. According to the invention a type of subscription is enable is enabled in which subscribers can subscribe to the opportunity to view stored information which as been broadcast in the past.

On page 8, beginning at line 18, please amend the specification as follows:

      It will be understood that the invention applies to any system that distributes a stream of information units and provides access on a time dependent basis. For example, the invention is not limited to a system that transmits encrypted information and entitlement messages over the same connection as shown in figure 1. Similarly, the mechanism using ECM's and EMM"s is [[show]] shown only by way of example: other ways of providing decryption keys may be used.